

## Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

January 27, 2017

Hon. Jeffrey Jones Hon. Megan Addison Attorney Examiners Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Its Waterworks Service, Case No. 16-907-WW-AIR

Dear Examiners Jones and Addison,

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the City of Marion take this opportunity to share our views on the settlement, signed by Aqua and the PUCO Staff that was filed in this case on January 26, 2017. In this letter, the Consumers' Counsel and the City of Marion notify the PUCO that we neither support nor oppose the settlement in this case.

We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Aqua and the PUCO Staff to negotiate a settlement with us. While we neither support nor oppose the settlement, the negotiation involving the Consumers' Counsel and Marion did result in additional customer benefits. Please note that our non-opposition is not precedent for any future case or issue and that consumer advocacy by the Consumers' Counsel and the City of Marion is not limited in the future by our non-opposition.

Regards,

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cc: Parties of Record

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